

Through the Looking-Glass

by Lewis Carroll

Lewis Carroll's sequel to Wonderland takes Alice into a mirror-world structured like a chess game, filled with memorable characters including Tweedledee, Tweedledum, and the Red Queen.

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Power Words

#	WORD	DEFINITION
1	argumentative	adj. likely to argue or disagree with others. <i>"Tweedledee grew argumentative the moment his brother spoke, contradicting every word simply out of stubborn habit."</i>
1	bewildering	adj. causing confusion or puzzlement. <i>"The chess-board landscape was utterly bewildering, with brooks and hedges dividing it into impractical little squares."</i>
1	contemptuously	adv. in a manner showing strong dislike or disrespect. <i>"Humpty Dumpty smiled contemptuously and declared that he could make any word mean exactly what he chose."</i>
1	contrary	adj. opposite in nature or character. <i>"Everything in the looking-glass world was contrary to sense, with memory working backwards and jam never today."</i>
1	imperiously	adv. in a way that shows authority or power. <i>"The Red Queen imperiously commanded Alice to run faster, insisting they were barely staying in the same place."</i>
1	indignantly	adv. in a manner that shows anger or annoyance at something perceived as unfair or unjust. <i>"Alice replied indignantly that a name ought to mean something, which Humpty Dumpty dismissed with great scorn."</i>
1	methodical	adj. done in an orderly and careful way. <i>"The White Knight was methodical in attaching things to his horse, however unlikely their practical purpose appeared."</i>
1	nonsensical	adj. having no meaning or making no sense. <i>"The Jabberwocky poem struck Alice as entirely nonsensical, though she felt it was filling her head with ideas."</i>
1	obstinate	adj. stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course. <i>"The Red Queen was obstinate on the subject of manners, correcting Alice's conduct between every other sentence."</i>
1	oscillate	v. to move back and forth or swing. <i>"The looking-glass landscape seemed to oscillate between dream and logic, never settling into either for very long."</i>
1	paradoxical	adj. something that seems impossible or contradictory. <i>"It was paradoxical that running as fast as possible kept Alice rooted to exactly the same square."</i>
1	perplex	v. to confuse someone or make them uncertain. <i>"The White Queen's habit of screaming before she pricked her finger never failed to perplex Alice entirely."</i>
1	receding	adj. becoming less or moving back. <i>"The destination kept receding as Alice walked toward it, always visible yet never any closer than before."</i>
1	reversal	n a reversing or being reversed; esp; a change to the opposite as in one's fortune Law annulment; change; or revocation; as of a lower court's decision <i>"Every rule Alice knew had undergone complete reversal, making the looking-glass world impossible to navigate by logic."</i>
1	triumphantly	adv. in a way that shows great joy after a victory. <i>"Alice rose triumphantly from her chair and seized the tablecloth, sending every queen tumbling to the floor."</i>